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OCTOBER MEETING AND CHILIFEST

By Dean Marcott

I hope you all had a great time last Saturday. I sure did. Couldn't have asked for better weather! (The ChiliFest that evening was a great success, also. About 50 folks showed up and the weather was so nice, we set up tables outside the FBO and one could dine either inside or out.—Ed.)

Some of you asked where the Eagles flying field was and about meetings. Here is a link to their website with all the info. <http://www.chainolakeseagles.com/>. Meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month at the McHenry Township Community Center located at 3703 N. Richmond Road (Rte. 31) at 7:00 pm.



With their power to weight ratios, these planes can put on a show that airplane pilots can only dream of—and in a box of only a few hundred cubic feet. Electric motors are becoming quite popular.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

By John Roach

If you missed the October 11th EAA meeting, you also missed what probably was the best air show of the year at Galt Airport. The members of the Chain-O-Lakes Eagles, combined with perfect weather for flying and watching, put on a great demonstration of both their personal flying skills and the capabilities of the aircraft they fly. At times it was easy to almost imagine one was watching some of the performers at AirVenture. The variety of aircraft flown (from rather small to quite large) and the technology involved in the flying makes one wonder if someday this same technology might be extended to flying as we usually think about it.

But, in some ways however, it already has. A recent USAF press release reported by the AP tells the story:

"Scrambling to meet commanders' insatiable demands for unmanned aircraft, the Air Force is launching two new training programs, including an experimental one that would churn out up to 1,100 desperately needed pilots to fly the drones over Iraq and Afghanistan."

"As many as 700 Air Force personnel have expressed

some interest in the test program, which will create a new brand of pilot for the drones, which are flown by remote control from a base in Nevada. That new drone operator will learn the basics of flying a small manned plane, but will not go through the longer, more rigorous training that their fighter jet brethren receive."

"A senior Air Force officer told The AP that by the end of September 2011, the goal is to have 50 unmanned combat air patrols operating 24 hours a day, largely over Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently there are 30."

"To generate the pilots for the increased flights, the Air Force hopes to create separate pilot pipelines for its manned and unmanned aircraft, said Col. Curt Sheldon, assistant to the director of air operations for unmanned aircraft issues."

Digging into the story one learns that only Air Force Captains with two years time in grade and no previous military flight training are eligible for this test program. (Pilot friends who fly R/Cs tell us knowing how to fly an airplane is no advantage when flying models—Ed.) However it seems that this may only be a test program to explore how much flight training is necessary to fly unmanned aircraft. While participants will receive flight training equivalent to soloing by a private pilot, most of the training provided will focus on ordinance and weapons systems. Extending this trend to some date in the future, can you see a time when, at least cargo aircraft, might fly from point to point unmanned, flown by someone sitting on the ground hundreds or even thousands of miles away from the aircraft?

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

At the **November 8th** EAA 932 meeting we'll be holding elections for Secretary and Treasurer. Following the election, we'll continue looking at the history of aviation by examining the 1920s. The program features the construction and first flight of the Army's largest dirigible at Scott Field, Illinois as well as a commemoration of the 38th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight. Complementary coffee at 9:30, meeting starts at 10:00. Hope to see you there.



Scott (L) and Morgan (R) with his folks, were two of 47 Young Eagles flown Oct. 18. We had a good turnout of members to fly and help and the weather was picture perfect.



Steve Mark was with us for the Young Eagle Rally Oct. 18. Steve hopes to complete his project, a study of Galt Airport and it's people in black and white photography by the end of November. Above are four of the photos he shot that Saturday.

2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR

CHECK www.eaa932.org for latest updates

NOV 8 Membership meeting 10 AM elect. of officers
DEC 13 Membership meeting 10 AM

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AOPA: www.aopa.org

EAA: www.eaa.org

FAA: www.faa.gov

EAA 932: www.eaa932.org

IL DOT: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html

WI DOT: www.dot.state.wi.us/travel/air/general.htm

GALT AIRPORT EVENTS: www.galtfestivals.com

2008

EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays @ 10 AM

Young Eagles Jun 14, Jul 13, Sep 13 or by appt. any time. Contact anyone in box below.



A favorite of Young Eagles is flying over the corn maze located halfway between Richmond and Spring Grove.

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